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MATSUMOTO et al.	)	
Serial No. 09/818,743	)	Examiner: Ghyka, Alexander G.
Filed: March 27, 2001	)	
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND	)	
METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING	)	
THE SAME	)	

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2004, the response being due by Monday May 3, 2004 (May 2 was a Sunday). Please enter and consider the following.

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